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CELLULAR AND WLL NETWORK BY MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) propose to expand its Cellular and Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) network in Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the number of lines available in Cellular and WLL networks;

(c) the time by which the number of more lines proposed to be added;

(d) the estimated cost involved and whether Government propose to reduce the tariff for these two services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing capacities are as under :-

	New Delhi	Mumbai
GSM (Global System Mobile)	1 lakh	1 lakh
WLL (Wireless in Local Loop)	50,000	50,000

(c) The additional capacities proposed to be added and the time by which they are likely to be added are as follows :-

	New Delhi	Mumbai
GSM	1.25 lakh By Dec., 02	1.25 lakh by Dec., 02
WLL	1 lakh by Feb., 03	1 lakh by Feb, 03

(d) & (e): The estimated cost involved in providing the additional capacities will be as mentioned below: -

	New Delhi	Mumbai

GSM	46.4 crore	56.2 crore
WLL	85 crore	95 crore

Rentals have already been reduced as per Telecom Regulatory Authrority of India directives for WLL service from Rs. 450 per month to Rs. 200 per month (plus Rs. 50 for handset). For cellular service there is no proposal, at the moment, to change the tariff.